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In re Application of: Hisano et al.

Serial No.: 10/798,067

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For: Closed Annular Sealing Material and Method for Manufacturing Same

) Group Art Unit: 3673

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Letter of Transmittal

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

- 1. Response to the Requirement for Election/Restrictions of Species (1 page)**

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

Respectfully submitted,

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Response to Requirement for Election/Restrictions of Species

Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Election/Restrictions of Species in the Office Action of September 15, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species V (figures 8 and 9) upon which claims 1, 10, 13, 14, 19, and 25 read.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R §1.141.

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